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1. AS THE MISSION HAS NOTED IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE, I BELIEVE
OUR ODC OFFICE CAN BE DRAWN DOWN FURTHER BY THE END OF THIS
FISCAL YEAR TO A LEVEL COMPATIBLE WITH A) THE CONGRESSIONAL INTENT
OF LAST YEAR'S SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION, B) LEGITIMATE
U.S. OBJECTIVES IN NORWAY AND C) THE SOUND MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLE
OF USING MINIMUM USG RESOURCES TO ACCOMPLISH THOSE OBJECTIVES.
WE WILL THEREFORE REDUCE OUR ODC STAFF TO A TOTAL OF 5
(3 US MILPERS, 1 US CIVILIAN AND 1 NORWEGIAN) BY OCTOBER 1, 1977,
A LEVEL REFLECTED IN OUR JMP SUBMISSION.

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2. HOWEVER, IT IS MY BELIEF THAT FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN OUR
ODC STAFF SHOULD BE POSSIBLE IF NORWAY CAN BE ADDED TO THE
LIST OF COUNTRIES WHEREIN THE DAO IS ALLOWED BY CONGRESS TO
PERFORM SECURITY ASSISTANCE FUNCTIONS. WE SUBMITTED THIS
PROPOSAL TO WASHINGTON IN OUR ANNUAL ASSESSMENT AND BELIEVE
THAT SINCE CONCERNED WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE CONSIDERING SUCH
LEGISLATION (REFTEL, PARA 5) CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN

TO INCLUDING NORWAY IN THE LIST OF EXEMPTED COUNTRIES.
FROM A MANAGEMENT VIEWPOINT, A COMBINED MILITARY AFFAIRS
SECTION, DOING THE WORK OF BOTH THE DAO AND ODC, WOULD BE
THE MOST LOGICAL SET-UP HERE. THE RANGE OF NORWEGIAN
CONTACTS FOR DAO WORK LARGELY OVERLAPS THAT OF ODC WORK,
ESPECIALLY IN A SMALL MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT SUCH AS NORWAY'S.
EVEN IF THE DAO WERE GIVEN PERMISSION TO PROVIDE ONLY
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO THE ODC, IT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO A
LEANER, MORE EFFICIENT ORGANIZATION HERE.

3. I URGE WASHINGTON TO CONSIDER REQUESTING CONGRESSIONAL
AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW THE DAO IN OSLO TO PERFORM SECURITY
ASSISTANCE FUNCTIONS HERE. SUCH A DECISION WOULD IN MY VIEW
BE ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH WHAT I UNDERSTAND TO BE THE PRESIDENT'S
AND CONGRESS' DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THE NUMBER OF U.S. GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES ABROAD AT THE MINIMUM LEVEL CONSISTENT WITH OVERALL
US NATIONAL OBJECTIVES.
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